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existed between plague in rat and plague in man in various localities of the metropolitan area.

The number of cases of plague occurring in many parts of the area was found to depend very largely upon the insanitary conditions of the premises acting as an attraction to or affording harborage for rats generally, and especially was this the case in produce and grain stores, butchers' shops, and general stores.

In a report by the health officer to the department, evidence is adduced to show that, in the particular localities where the produce business is carried on, the incidence of plague both in man and in rat was heaviest.

In the thirty stores containing produce and grain which were cleansed and disinfected by the department, 541 dead rats, 951 live rats, 305 dead mice, and 607 live mice were found.

*Scarlet fever.*—Nine hundred and eighty-six cases were reported.

*Tuberculosis.*—Compulsory notification of all cases of pulmonary tuberculosis is to be carried out, with the view of laying stress on the necessity of destroying the expectoration of patients and disinfecting rooms lately occupied by tuberculous patients.

*Anchyllostomiasis.*—Dr. R. A. O'Brien, late health officer to the department, furnished in January last an able and extensive report on this disease in Queensland. From his report it appears that the disease is found chiefly in the Cairns-Townsville district, at scattered places in the coast district between Brisbane and Maryborough, and to some extent at the extreme southeastern end of the State. Doctor O'Brien is of the opinion that the disease is not increasing rapidly, but slowly spreading and infecting new areas. He suggests that a statement be furnished to the public press for publication in the above districts, urging all persons suffering from marked pallor, weakness, etc., to obtain medical advice, and thus lead to an increase in our knowledge of the prevalence and distribution of this disease.

*Leprosy.*—On June 30, 1904, 12 persons remained under treatment at the Stradbroke Island lazaret. Five patients were admitted during the year; 4 were whites, and 1 an aboriginal.

*Smallpox.*—Only 1 case was reported during the year. The patient was a woman on board the steamship *Empire* from China, who joined the vessel at Manila. The patient, together with her baby and one contact in the case, was quarantined for the usual period at Magnetic Island Quarantine Station, Townsville.

#### *Report from Melbourne—Plague bulletins from Brisbane and Sidney—Case of plague near Brisbane.*

Consul-General Bray forwards the following:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,**  
*Brisbane, October 22, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 37 for the week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, October 22, 1904:

PLAQUE IN MAN.

Cases reported during week ended October 22, 1904, none.

Remaining under treatment, none.

Last case isolated September 15.

Plague hospital closed September 19, 1904.

## PLAQUE IN RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,089	31	1,120
Total number examined at Bacteriological Laboratory during week.....	529	21	550
Total number infected.....	0	0	0
Total number of rats and mice examined in Bacteriological Laboratory since Sept. 8.....	2,482	351	2,833
Total number of rats and mice infected since Sept. 8 .....	1	0	1

Date of last infected rat, September 30, 1904.

Date of previous infected rat, September 8, 1904.

The State of Queensland has to-day been declared free from plague infection, and no further bulletins will be issued unless fresh cases should be reported.

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*

DEPART. OF PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,  
*Sydney, October 31, 1904.*

Bubonic plague bulletin No. 35, for week ended at 1 p. m. Saturday, October 29, 1904:

## PLAUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,322	1,065	2,387
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week .....	357	583	940
Number of rodents found infected .....	0	0	0

Date of finding last plague rodent, October 11, 1904.

Plague in man, none.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *November 7, 1904.*

Bubonic plague bulletin No. 36, for week ended at 1 p. m., Saturday, November 5, 1904:

## PLAUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,174	719	1,893
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week ....	359	376	735
Number of rodents found infected .....	1	0	1

Plague in man, none.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

*Case of plague near Brisbane.*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
*Melbourne, November 5, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a communication has been received from the government of Queensland intimating that a fresh